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(54) Title: METHODS FOR CLONING ANIMALS			
(57) Abstract  The present invention pertains to methods for cloning animals. In particular, the invention includes methods of cloning an animal by combining a genome from an activated donor cell with an activated enucleated oocyte to thereby obtain a nuclear transfer embryo, and impregnating an animal with the nuclear transfer embryo in conditions suitable for gestation of a cloned animal. The invention further relates to methods of chemically enucleating an oocyte having a meiotic spindle apparatus by exposing the oocyte with a compound that destabilizes the meiotic spindle apparatus.			

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**1. Claims: 1-30**

Methods for cloning an animal or producing a transgenic animal comprising the steps of:

- a) combining a genome from an activated donor cell with an activated, enucleated oocyte to thereby form a nuclear transfer embryo; and;
- b) impregnating an animal with the nuclear transfer embryo in conditions suitable for gestation of the cloned animal.

**2. Claims: 31-38**

A method of enucleating an oocyte having a meiotic spindle apparatus, comprising exposing the oocyte with at least one compound that destabilizes the meiotic spindle apparatus;

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